

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2833

To amend the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, to require that perishable agricultural products be labeled or marked as to their country of origin.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 1995

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mrs. THURMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To amend the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, to require that perishable agricultural products be labeled or marked as to their country of origin.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING OF PERISH-**  
4 **ABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.**

5 (a) LABELING REQUIRED.—Section 14 of the Perish-  
6 able Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499n),  
7 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
8 section:

1       “(c) COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING.—(1) The Sec-  
2       retary shall carry out a nationwide program to require  
3       perishable agricultural commodities (or the bins, display  
4       cases, or similar containers holding such perishable agri-  
5       cultural commodities) to be labeled, marked, or otherwise  
6       clearly identified at the retail level as to their country of  
7       origin.

8       “(2) The program shall apply to imported and domes-  
9       tic perishable agricultural commodities, including perish-  
10      able agricultural commodities that are exempted, under  
11      section 304(a)(3)(J) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.  
12      1304(a)(3)(J)), from the country of origin marking re-  
13      quirements of that Act.”.

14      (b) PENALTIES.—Subsection (b) of such section is  
15      amended—

16              (1) by inserting “or country of origin label re-  
17              quired” after “certificate issued”; and

18              (2) by inserting “or label” after “certificate”  
19              the last place it appears.

20      (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such section is fur-  
21      ther amended by striking “SEC. 14” and inserting the fol-  
22      lowing:

1 **“SEC. 14. INSPECTION AND LABELING OF PERISHABLE AG-**  
2 **RICULTURAL COMMODITIES.”.**

3 (d) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
4 ments made by this section shall apply with respect to per-  
5 ishable agricultural commodities marketed on or after one  
6 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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